

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, but the Budget Committee is one of our committees, and consequently the Legislature would have to approve that, right?

SENATOR KELLY: That is incorrect according to the way the bill is written, but it certainly is the intention of the Commission, and this amendment changes from the Budget Committee to the Legislature, which is proper.

SENATOR GEORGE: Then you would have to hand it over to some committee for review. Is it your intent then to see that the review would be carried out by another committee?

SENATOR KELLY: It certainly would be carried out by the Budget Committee of the Legislature, but the authority must come from the Legislature, not the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR GEORGE: So, in other words, you're afraid that once the Budget Committee has reviewed it, the Budget Committee would not ask for the approval of the Legislature, under the present bill?

SENATOR KELLY: Approval of the Legislature is not necessary under the present bill, just presentation to the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR GEORGE: Okay. Thank you, Senator Kelly. I have a question of Senator Reutzel. Senator Reutzel, could you enlighten me on your interpretation of the difference between Senator Kelly's amendment and as the bill now stands, as to the approval of the Legislature?

SENATOR REUTZEL: As I understand it, Senator George, the only difference would be that the body, the full body would make the decisions, the final approval on the programs. As it is written now my understanding is the money would go... the proposals would go before the Budget Committee, and they would make the final approval. Senator Kelly's motion would have the whole body approve those proposals.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Senator Reutzel. I still don't see that much of a difference because as far as I know, and I sure hope I'm right, that any decision made by the Budget Committee certainly would be referred to the Legislature as a whole for final approval. Therefore, I still am sorry to say I cannot see any difference between the bill, as it is written and Senator Kelly's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator Kelly a couple of questions. May I?

SENATOR KELLY: Go ahead, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Kelly, this includes all funds under 109 or 109A?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, that would be the monies that are put into the fund. The program would be submitted to the Legislature, and the Legislature would approve it, then the funds would be expended.